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Road to Uber may be paved with insurance

BUSINESS

Partnering with Intact Financial could remove key barriers

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A partnership with one of the country's largest auto insurance providers may pave the way for Uber's entry into the Calgary market.

The marriage with Intact Financial Corp. addresses one of the key roadblocks — insurance — as drivers in the popular ride-share app use their personal vehicle for commercial gain.

In the past, the Alberta government said Uber's current insurance standards don't meet the requirements under the insurance act.

"With the growing popularity of the sharing and on-demand economy, we are adapting our product range to offer innovative solutions to meet the changing needs of consumers," Louis Gagnon, president of service and distribution at Intact Financial, said in a statement.

Still, the issue of licensing remains, according to the city's Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee (TLAC).

Whether or not the private "vehicle for hire" insurance gap can be filled with an in-between product is a matter for the province.

Should that happen, the "ride-sharing" discussion would likely move to licensing matters," said Tongjie Zhang, chair of the City of Calgary's Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee.

Carissa Vescio, spokeswoman for Community Services and Protective Services, said it's up to the province to decide insurance issues, and the city would welcome the chance to participate in those discussions.

PARTING WAYS

HUNTING CLUB LINKED TO CECIL'S KILLER CANCELS FUNDRAISER AT CALGARY ZOO

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The lion in question strolls around in Nigeria's Hwange National Park, in November 2012. PAULA FRENCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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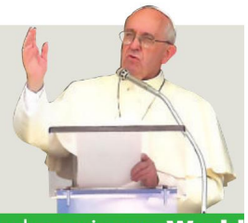


Pope makes it easier to annul marriages. **World**

Super dog is in need of a hero

ANIMALS

Monster's vet bills have already reached $6K

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Marley Mcmonster is a search and rescue dog that has been saving lives since 2011 — but now he needs saving himself.

Monster, as he's nicknamed, is one of very few volunteer dogs in Alberta and in his career, he's saved both hikers and missing children.

In his week long stay at the vet, doctors initially concluded it was heat stroke, but now suspect he was bitten by something venomous while out for a run.

Meanwhile, the vet bill is piling up — it's already reached $6,000 and will continue to climb.

Monster's owner Dalia Cheshire has already used money from her parents, her credit cards and sold a small boat she owned.

"My parents are like, are you sure you want to do that?" said Cheshire. "Um, between my boat and my dog, yeah, I'm sure."

Cheshire recalls one event in early 2012 when a nine-year-old girl had gone missing in Cranbrook.

"The father took the kid hunting with him and left the child while he went out," Cheshire explained. "He came back and the child was lost."

Monster and a few other dogs followed the trail to a river. They realized the little girl must have gone to the other side, but none of the other dogs were able or willing to cross the water. Monster braved the rapids to get across.

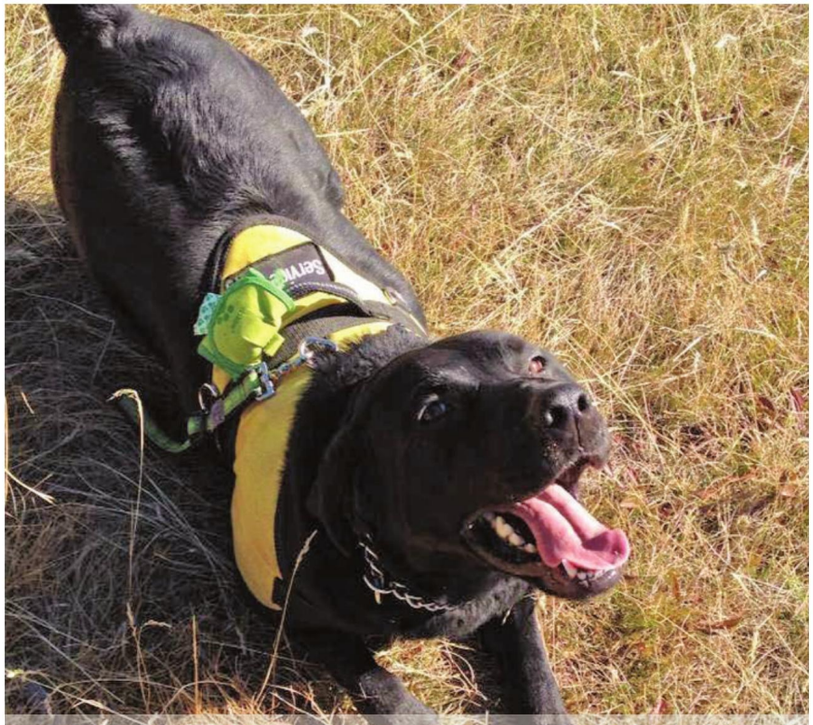
"The little girl was holed up behind some boulders and a log. She was so, so cold. Monster just went and laid on her hands with his belly, and she could put her face right into his belly. Monster laid there and let the little girl warm up."

Now Monster lies in a hospital. He barely eats, his energy is gone and his kidneys are only operating at 38 per cent. He's been shaved and is developing bruises. He needs a blood transfusion every few days, which costs money.

Sarah Tetlock heard about Monster's situation through social media and even though she'd never met Cheshire or her hero hound, she wanted to help.

"This is a dog that has been trained to search and rescue us," Tetlock said. "So, I felt like he was a bit extra special and could use help with us reaching out to him."

Tetlock created a GoFundMe page called Monster has a Mission, where she's raising funds to help with his vet bills.



Search and Rescue Operations

Dalia Cheshire said Monster has been dispatched on a number of search and rescue operations in Alberta and B.C.

- **In Sparwood, B.C., Monster helped track a group of snowmobilers who were lost.**
- **In Bearberry, Alta., a few months ago, Monster helped find a man who had a heart attack and was lost.**
- **One time when she was shopping at a Walmart, Monster dragged her towards a lost little girl who was crying. "Monster gets down on his belly and crawls right in and the little girl wraps her arms around his neck and just starts talking," Cheshire said. "The pharmacy technician said, 'oh my gosh, we've been trying to get this kid to talk for 20 minutes.'"**

Monster is a search and rescue dog that had boundless energy and routinely saved hikers, snowmobilers and lost children. COURTESY DALIA CHESHIRE

Now Marley Mcmonster is sick in the hospital, with barely enough energy to keep himself up.
COURTESY DALIA CHESHIRE

IN BRIEF

Truck driver in serious condition after rollover

One man was sent to hospital in serious condition, with multiple traumatic injuries to his leg and arm, after his cement truck rolled over on the eastbound ramp to Crowchild Trail from Stoney Trail early Tuesday morning.

EMS said it responded to a call at 4:30 a.m. and arrived on scene to find the driver, believed to be in his mid-30s, trapped inside the cab of the truck after it tipped on to the driver's side.

It took fire crews two hours to free the man from the vehicle, EMS said, adding he was later sent to the Foothills Medical Centre.

The Calgary Fire Department said the commanding officer required the help of the department's heavy rescue team with their specialized equipment to remove the man from the truck.

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GOVERNMENT

Alberta pledges $250K to Syrian refugee relief

The Alberta government is pledging up to $250,000 to support Syrian refugee relief efforts.

The province says it will contribute $75,000 to the Canadian Red Cross and match up to another $75,000 in donations made by Albertans to the organization.

Premier Rachel Notley says her government will also contribute an additional $100,000 to Alberta-based settlement agencies.

She says as Canada's response to the refugee crisis becomes clear, Alberta will do more to help these families successfully settle into life in the province.

British Columbia, Quebec and Manitoba have also pledged money to help Syrian refugees.

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There have been 313 weed-related service requests for city-owned property in 2015 so far — compared with 175 in 2014.

LUCIE EDWARDSON/METRO

Dandelion, weed control up for debate

SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

Councillors to deliberate on $1.7M budget adjustment

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A long-stemmed issue in Calgary will once again hit the table at a city committee meeting later this week.

Councillors will deliberate what should be done about dandelion and weed control in the city, including a proposed $1.7 million "one-time operating budget adjustment," that would be put towards a suppression program to be introduced in the November budget.

Thalia McRaw, spokeswoman for the city's community services and protective services said from the beginning of August to Sept. 7, the city received 57 requests for service in regards to weeds in city parks, and 817 bylaw complaints between August and Sept. 7 for privately-owned land.

3,882

Number of weed-related bylaw complaints on private property between May - September 2014

8,588

Number of weed-related bylaw complaints on private property between May - September 2015

Ward 6 Coun. Richard Pootmans said he's skeptical that Calgary should continue to "spray as much as we are now." He said when he has talked to citizens there has been "split thinking" regarding the issue.

"I know people have a lack of tolerance during dandelion season and this year was a strong year for dandelions because of the weather," he said. "But, there's also a growing group of people who are willing to put up with dandelions in exchange for not spraying chemicals to suppress them."

Pootmans said the city needs to come to terms with whether or not using chemicals to suppress weeds and dandelions is worth the impact it's having on the environment.

"As a general blanket policy, are dandelions that detrimental to our aesthetics that we can pollute our environment?" he said. "I'm not so sure the answer is yes."

Coun. Druh Farrell has previously spoken out against the plan and said the city should shy away from the "monoculture" of grass and introduce more resilient ground cover like clover in order to better control weeds.

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SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Zoo will no longer host hunters' event

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary hunting group with ties to Walter Palmer — the American dentist who shot Cecil the lion in Zimbabwe — and the Calgary Zoo have mutually decided the group should hold their annual fundraiser at a different venue.

David Little, director of Safari Club International Calgary Chapter, said the decision was made following criticism the Zoo received on social media for their ties to the organization.

Safari Club International is linked to Walter Palmer, who received worldwide backlash since news broke he killed the lion near Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park in July.

The Calgary chapter was set to host their annual fundraiser at the Calgary Zoo next April.

"We're more interested in protecting the zoo from social media attacks and letting the zoo get on with its important business, rather than be concerned with what outsiders have brought upon us," said Little.

The Calgary Zoo said it was the best decision for those involved.

"We have had numerous conversations with SCI Calgary and they have decided to move their event to another venue," said Trish Exton-Parder, media relations with the Calgary Zoo. "This decision is in the best interest of all and it allows us to put this matter behind us and focus on our conservation projects in Canada and around the world that are making a difference to save endangered species."

> **This decision is in the best interest of all.**
> Trish Exton-Parder, media relations, Calgary Zoo

Little said the group would still work with the Calgary Zoo in conservation efforts.

They are already looking for options to book a new venue.

A Calgary group with ties to the man who killed Cecil the lion is now looking for a new venue to host its annual fundraiser. METRO FILE

The Calgary Fire Department pays tribute to colleagues who have lost their lives in the line of duty. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Calgary honours its fallen firefighters

EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Mayor lays wreath at City Hall ceremony

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

As a little girl, Alyssa Ferguson spent many of her days next door with her grandpa, Leslie Badry. There, he told her about fighting raging fires as the district chief for 34 years.

"He was the greatest role model that I had," said Ferguson.

"He was so positive, so loving and so generous. (Firefighting) was tough, and it definitely weighed on him, but he just loved helping everyone, that's who he was."

March 6, 2013, Badry lost his battle to esophageal cancer related to the toxins he was exposed to at work.

On Tuesday afternoon, Ferguson joined friends, family, the Calgary Dire Department, Mayor Naheed Nenshi and members of city council for the ninth annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the Calgary Municipal Building.

> **He just loved helping everyone, that's who he was.**
> Alyssa Ferguson, granddaughter of fallen Calgary firefighter Leslie Badry

A bell was rung 42 times, once for each of the Calgary firefighters who've lost their lives in the line of duty, followed by a moment of silence.

"Today, of course, is about honouring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice," said Mayor Nenshi before laying down a wreath. "Honouring Calgary firefighters who have passed away due to the hazards they faced protecting our city, our community and our loved ones."

After the ceremony, Ferguson placed a red rose by a plaque reading her grandfather's name, adding that the day was "very emotional."

"But it's really special that they're able to come together in a group setting to celebrate them and thank the families who have to sacrificed so much," she said.

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LRT blitz encourages funding

GREEN LINE

Look out for volunteers at city bus stops

Over the next week, volunteers will be posted up at bus stops along the proposed Green Line LRT route encouraging riders to continue the talk of funding increased transit.

In speaking with commuter, volunteers hope to incite support for an improved Green Line LRT by getting riders to contact their MLAs before October's provincial budget.

"With the summer's commitment by the federal government of $1.53 billion towards the Green Line project, there's been a lot of optimism that the Green Line can begin moving forward," said Jeff Binks, President of the LRT on the Green Foundation said in a release.

"Unfortunately the Federal funding only represents one third of the funding required for this project. Without participation from the Provincial government, this transformative project will stall out."

LRT on the Green is a not-for-profit organization who said their objective is to unite Calgarians behind their goal to have an "LRT operating on the Green Line in both the North Central and South East corridors by the year 2021."

Binks said they understand the low price of oil will require the provincial government to make "tough decisions," but said an investment in the Green Line LRT would be an "investment in Albertans."

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Volunteers will be at bus stops along the Green Line all week to garner funding support. METRO

PUBLIC INSTALLATION

Art reconciles loss of Thomson library

Many in the city's northwest engraved their favourite quotes in a wooden banner in mid-August to pay homage to their once-loved nook: the Georgina Thomson Library.

As part of the Georgina Thomson Offices Public Art Project, the city teamed up with local artist Kari Woo to craft a bookcase and two benches for community members to meet and grab a book or two.

"I was really surprised to see so many people come out," Woo said. "People were really keen to leave their mark."

Opening in 1965, the library — named after the late Thomson, a librarian and fearless advocate for the public service — closed in October 2003. The building now houses offices for the city's Community & Neighbourhood Services.

As part of the project, Woo interviewed community members to learn about the significance of the library. Some interviewees, she said, protested when its doors shut.

Although many still miss the library, Woo said all were proud to be part of an experience to celebrate the space and Thomson's life.

"I love it when art and community intersect," she said.

Kari Woo, left, helps those engraving quotes for the Georgina Thomson library project. CONTRIBUTED

Dawn Ford, program coordinator with the city's public art program, said the new book-exchange space symbolizes a reconciliation for those who've been upset about the closure.

"I hope that this new area will become a gathering space that re-invents the library space in a new way," Ford said. "The installation will honour the library's history and let people know that there is something new."

Woo said the bookcase and benches are expected to be unveiled Sept. 20 at 722 Northmount Dr. NW. The $16,500-project will also see Woo install a multimedia piece for the building's interior, comprised of photos and objects that capture Thomson's life.

JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Province reviewing group home after murder charge

The Alberta government is reviewing an Edmonton group home's staffing, licensing, and provincial contract after one of its residents was charged with the stabbing death of a 32-year-old man.

The 17-year-old girl was charged late Friday with robbery, possession of a weapon and second-degree murder. Shawn Richard was found dead in the middle of 95 Street on Aug. 31.

At the time of the arrest, police commented the young woman was not being well supervised at the home.

Human Services minister Irfan Sabir said that sent a clear message to the province.

"Public safety is the highest priority and we have heard concerns from Edmonton Police and members of the public around this group home and we do take these comments very seriously."

The home is run by the non-profit group E4C.

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Camera goes black on zoo's ospreys

CONSERVATION

Company doesn't want to disturb the birds

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

The birds are all right.

When August's hailstorm wreaked havoc across the city, the storm obliterated the osprey camera at the zoo, leaving 28,000 online bird watchers with nothing but a black screen.

Tamara Lee, an avid osprey watcher, said she had been glued to her computer screen every day for six weeks, watching the ospreys before the camera broke.

"I'm sad," she said. "It's really cool — you get this view, but you aren't distressing the animals."

Lee said she's seen everything from chicks hatching to a family of birds feasting on freshly caught fish.

But one thing she won't see, she said, is when the birds fly south in the fall.

That's because Enmax — which placed extra tall poles around the city so the birds wouldn't nest on power lines — doesn't want to disturb the birds by fixing the camera, said Doris Kaufmann Woodcock, spokeswoman for Enmax.

Disturbing osprey can result in parents not attending to their young, said Trish Exton-Parder, spokeswoman for the Calgary Zoo.

"To disturb their habitat would be very upsetting," she said. "It's not wise."

Lee said she's glad the birds won't be disturbed.

"It's more important the osprey come back, because I won't be able to bring my binoculars to watch them," she said. "They come every year to use those nests — that's really special."

OSPREY FACTS

- Ospreys usually arrive in Calgary to nest in early April. Eggs normally hatch in June, the chicks learn to fly in August and the birds leave the city in September.
- They are still recovering from historic declines caused by the extensive use of DDT in the past. DDT has been banned for more than 45 years, and the osprey are still considered a sensitive species in Alberta.

Kaufmann Woodcock said the camera will be fixed for next season, as soon as the birds leave for the fall.

She said the cost of repairing the camera won't be determined until Enmax knows what caused it to go offline.

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CRIME

Officer struck by truck during stop

A Calgary police officer is in hospital recovering and police are on the hunt for a suspect after the officer was hit during a roadside stop Tuesday.

Just after 8 a.m. Tuesday, police were called to the 5600 block of 8 Avenue SE for reports of car prowling. Officers in a marked police car spotted a black 2009 Silverado truck they believed was related to the call.

Police pulled the truck over near 1 Avenue SE and Penworth Drive SE.

When asked, the passenger, a man, exited the vehicle without incident and was taken into custody.

When officers asked the female driver to exit the vehicle she reversed, sideswiped the officer and collided with the police vehicle and sped away, according to police.

The woman, who's still on the loose, is white and five-foot-six with dyed red hair.

Police believe the truck and licence plate are stolen.

Anyone with information can contact CPS at (403) 266-1234.

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MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE

HILLHURST

Interfaith vigil to address refugees

The Hillhurst United Church will be providing an open space for Calgarians to come together in response to the Syrian refugee crisis Wednesday evening.

"We want to provide an open and welcoming space that allows for expression of pain, frustration and grief alongside the resolve to find hope in the midst of action," said Rev. Danielle James, minister at Hillhurst United Church, in a news release.

"People of all faiths are called to respond in this time and place with radical love and in unity."

The interfaith vigil will also welcome representatives from St. Jacob's Syrian Orthodox Church, Calgary's Jewish community, the Calgary Islamic Chamber Institute and Wild Rose United Church.

It will be held from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

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Rev. Danielle James

Pat Benedict's generous gratuity raised eyebrows among employees. AARON CHATHA/METRO

Woman mistakenly tips $525 at bakery

EAST VILLAGE

Staff track down customer via social media to return cash

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Alarm bells were ringing when the staff at Sidewalk Citizen Bakery in the East Village received a $525 tip from a customer on Saturday.

"I mean, our service is good, but it's still shocking to get a $525 tip!" said Kali Urquhart, who was counting the receipts on Saturday night when she realized something was amiss. Their tip totals were abnormally high.

She looked through the receipts and found a customer had left the huge tip on a small bill.

Urquhart had a hunch it was a mistake, so the employees contacted RBC and went to social media to track down the customer.

The Facebook post went viral, and early Tuesday afternoon RBC managed to get in contact with Pat Benedict, a regular of the bakery.

"When the bank said I overshot and gave a generous tip, I said, 'Well, I really like these people, but not that much,'" Benedict said.

She said she was surprised when the bank called her but thankful the friendly employees made the effort to find her.

She is still uncertain how the mistake happened.

"I was having company for lunch and I didn't have time to cook," she explained. "So I knew that if I came down here that it would be delicious, so I picked up a quiche. I'm using my bank card and I kind of remembered at the time something wasn't quite right."

Benedict thinks she might have punched in her code twice, but only part of it went through.

The bakery managers refunded her tip and gave her a free bread pudding as thanks for all the publicity the incident got them.

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EDUCATION

Wildrose calls for 'fad' learning to end

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta's Wildrose party is calling on the NDP government to abandon the former Progressive Conservative government's experiments with discover learning and focus on fundamentals.

"The government has become obsessed with enforcing new fads and experiments on our teachers," said Wildrose education critic and MLA for Drayton Valley – Devon, Mark Smith. "We're calling on the government to get back to basics."

Smith said he hears regularly from parents concerned children aren't learning core components of the curriculum.

He said those fads include initiatives like discovery math and other programs meant to get students to come to the answer on their own, rather than learning through rote.

Smith, a former teacher, said the Progressive Conservatives started this push toward new teaching methods, and he hopes the NDP government will abandon it.

"They must respect the appropriate role of government and the role government plays in the education system," he said. "It's up to teachers and the educational leaders to determine how to teach."

But Education Minister David Eggen said he believes the best curriculum is well-rounded.

"It's important to teach critical thinking, as it's important to teach basics as well," he said.

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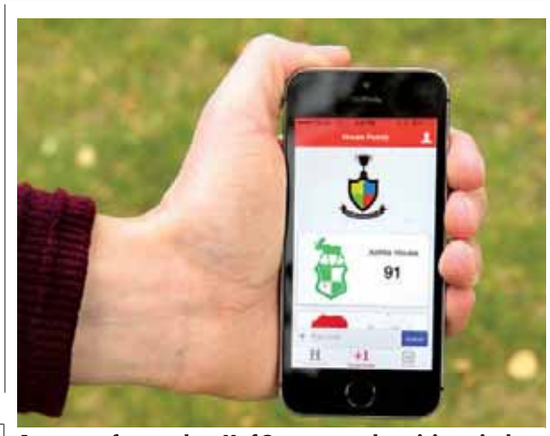

A new way for people at U of C to meet and participate in the campus competitions. CONTRIBUTED / UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

App that's all business

TECHNOLOGY

Haskayne Huddle targets busy students at university

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Ryan Wallace thinks email just doesn't cut it, so he and other U of C students developed an app to up the Haskayne School of Business' dismal student engagement metrics.

In fact, less than 15 per cent of students are currently engaged, said Wallace, president of the Haskayne Students' Association (HSA). Wallace said students are too busy to sift though the countless emails regarding school activities and, as a result, they hardly show up to outings.

"That's disappointing, given how many clubs and student organizations are offered here," he said. The possible solution?

Haskayne Huddle, an app that lets business students know what's happening at Haskayne through an easy-to-use interface, Wallace said.

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Lori Sigurdson hands out icy treats Tuesday at Mount Royal University. JEREMY SIMES/FOR METRO

MRU students find tuition freeze sweet

EDUCATION

Minister says post-secondary schools already feel encouraged

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Mount Royal University students literally felt the freeze Tuesday.

To signify the government's two-year tuition freeze that was rolled out in June, Innovation and Advanced Education Minister Lori Sigurdson was invited by the Mount Royal Students' Association to hand out freezies to new and returning students.

"We're happy to have the minister on campus today handing out freezies," said Erik Queenan, president of Mount Royal Students' Association. "Students are really happy because they're going to know what their tuition is going to be for the next two years … there's some predictability there that we didn't have before."

MRU has yet to see how much funding it will receive from the government's budget in October, but president David Docherty said he welcomes the NDP's pledge to reinvest in post-secondary.

"The government has indicated they're reinvesting — we certainly welcome that," he said.

Sigurdson said post-secondary institutions are feeling confident with the government's current commitments.

"We really care about making education affordable and accessible for all Albertans," Sigurdson said. "(Post-secondary institutions are) already encouraged by what our government's done … I think they're feeling stable with what our government has done this far."

MRU has been in consultations with the government and has a pre-budget submission in place, Docherty said, adding the university will be happy if the government sticks to what it has promised.

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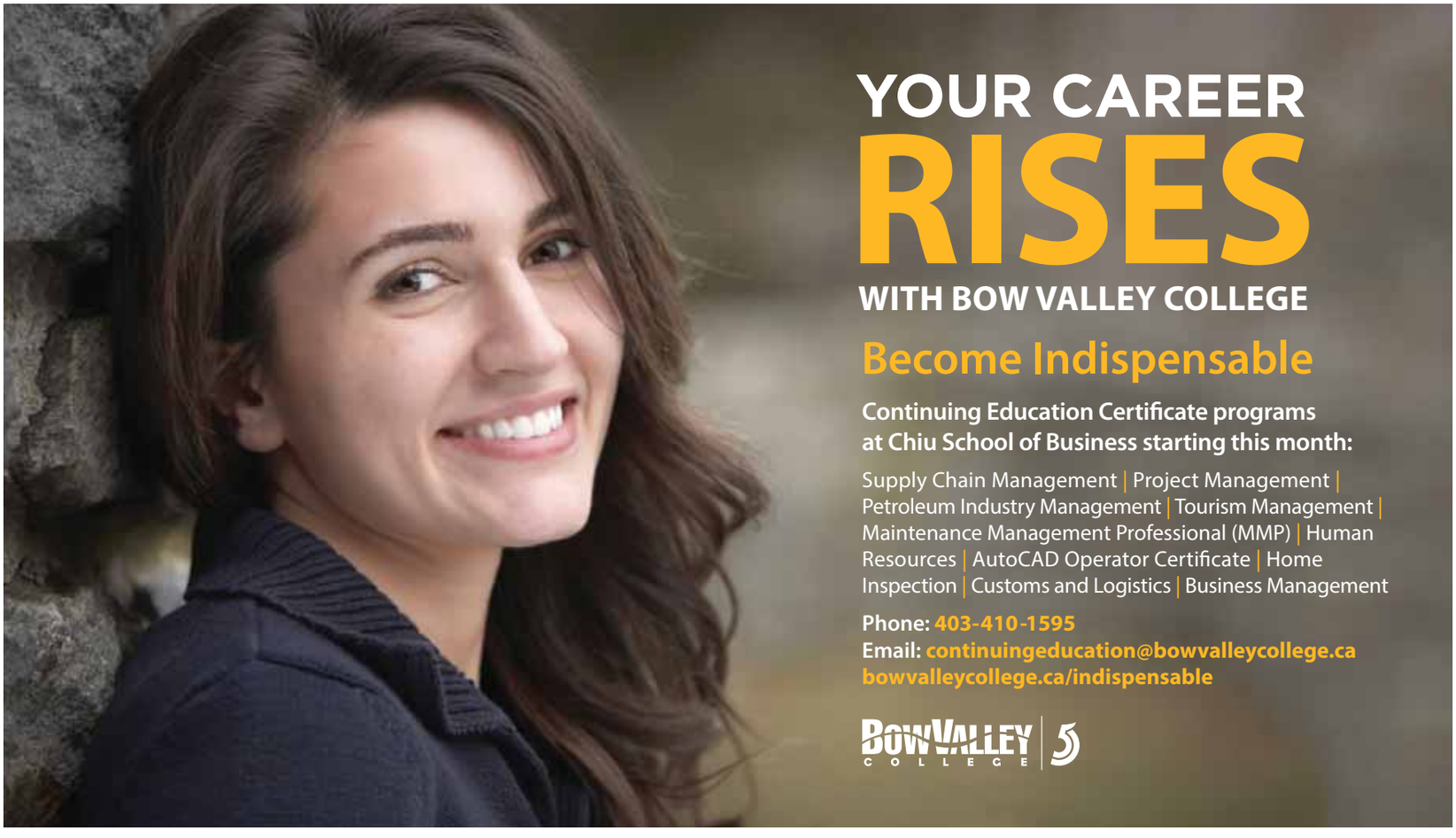
> David Docherty

"We're hopeful that what (the government) indicated to us shortly after the election in the interim supply bill comes out in the budget," he said. "And if it does then we've got no surprises … and we'll be quite happy."

Queenan said he's noticed more open dialogue between the association and the current government compared to the previous one.

"The most important thing at this point is that the government and students across Alberta are having really open conversations and consultations to engage all stakeholders across the board," he said.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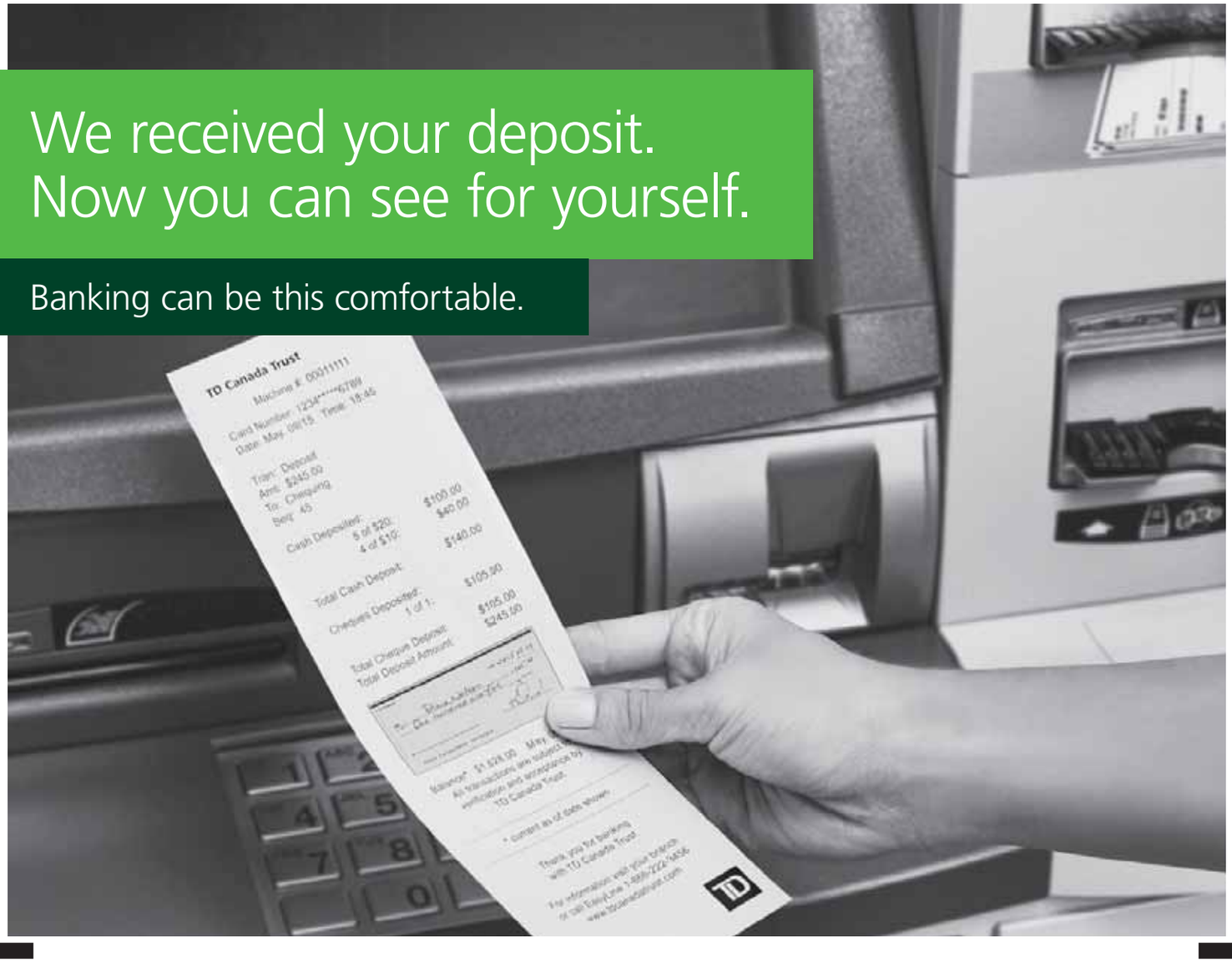

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Top: Svea Ferguson won the top prize for Alberta in the BMO 1st Art! Invitational Student Art Competition with her wall art of linoleum flooring. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO
Inset: Ferguson's piece titled Future Classic. Left: Back Into the Earth: Creation and the Interpretation of Meaning, by Tamara Himmelspach

Student artists earn recognition

COMPETITION

Calgarians win top prize provincially and nationally

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Finding linoleum flooring inside a home can hardly be considered unusual, but one Calgary artist has found a way to make it so.

Three years ago, Svea Ferguson decided to tip the horizon and found a new place for linoleum: her walls.

After prowling home hardware stores for flooring, the recent Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD) graduate cuts the linoleum into strips, then folds and weaves them into 3D art.

Her recent piece, Future Classic, earned her $5,000 this summer after nabbing first place for Alberta in the BMO 1st Art! Invitational Student Art Competition.

"I wanted to draw attention to the human-like qualities of a really synthetic material," said Ferguson. "It's something that's domestic — it's in our homes, we're around all the time, no one really pays a second thought to it — but there's a lot of volume and movement in it that can really reflect our own physicality."

The national competition awards a total of $70,000 per year to one national winner and 12 regional winners. This year, both the Alberta regional winner and the national winner are from Calgary.

Tamara Himmelspach, another recent ACAD graduate, earned the top national prize and $10,000 for her piece entitled Back Into the Earth: Creation and the Interpretation of Meaning.

"It's really exciting," said Himmelspach, who handcrafted a traditional aboriginal jingle dress for her performance art piece.

"All these new doors are opening, and I don't really know where they're going to take me but I'm going along for the ride. It's been such a great experience, being on the road to becoming a professional artist."

This October, Ferguson and Himmelspach will fly out to Toronto, along with all the other winners, to see their work on display at the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery.

"Apart from scholarships, there's no acknowledgement in this country of what student artists are doing," said Dawn Cain, curator of the BMO Corporate Art Collection. "Really, what we're hoping to do is acknowledge that there are some really innovative and wonderful things going on in our art schools."

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ONTARIO

Province able to 'take more refugees,' says Wynne

Ontario is pledging more support for refugees and pressing for federal help in opening the doors wider with the Syrian exodus growing more dramatic by the day.

"We have more capacity in Ontario to take more refugees, to welcome more refugees," Premier Kathleen Wynne said Tuesday.

The comments came four days after her health minister, Dr. Eric Hoskins, pledged an additional $300,000 in provincial funding to help settle people fleeing Syria.

"We can put more supports in place for private organizations and individuals who are working, like Lifeline Syria ... to bring refugees into Ontario," added Wynne, who is working with her church to raise money to help refugees.

"We are going to put some of those supports in place, we are going to set up a fund that would help support those organizations do everything we can to make sure that when refugees arrive here, that they can access programs that will help them to settle."

The premier said she's concerned with the length of time it is taking for refugees to get documentation.

"My hope would be that we will see the federal government work with the provinces to speed up the process whereby refugees can come into the country and into our province," she added.

"The bottom line for me is that all of us across the country need to be doing everything we can to help in this humanitarian crisis."

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B.C. vows $1M in aid to settle newcomers

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Premier says supports must be in place

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

British Columbia will set aside $1 million to help support Syrian refugees who manage to make their way to the province, Premier Christy Clark announced at a news conference Tuesday.

While the province doesn't have any say over how many refugees it can accept, Clark said it will be ready to help with services such as trauma counselling, language skills and job placements should the federal government accept more people.

"It's just not good enough to only open our doors, we have to make sure that when refugees get there we're doing everything we can to help them achieve the Canadian dream and find their home as seamlessly as possible into British Columbia society," Clark said.

The fund, which will be distributed through community groups and churches, was created after the outpouring of support for Syrian refugees in response to the photograph of three-year-old Alan Kurdi's body washed ashore on a Turkish beach.

His death brought the ongoing crisis home for British Columbians, as the little boy's family was trying to find a way to B.C., Clark said, tearing up as she spoke of his tiny figure on the sand. Thousands have since expressed the desire to help sponsor refugees.

Clark didn't wade into the political debate over how many refugees the federal government should accept, but argued all provinces should have the same power as Quebec to determine how many refugees they can take in.

Last year B.C. welcomed about 36,000 immigrants, including 1,528 refugees. Clark said it would be great to see both numbers go up.

"(The Kurdis) didn't die because they were anything but unlucky enough to live in a country wracked by war," Clark said. "As Canadians we are incredibly lucky, and as Canadians we have an opportunity, and I would argue a uniquely Canadian duty, to share the luck."

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark became emotional while announcing a plan to help Syrians settle in the province and 'achieve the Canadian dream.' DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ELECTION 2015

Poll: Yes to deficit

Justin Trudeau may have taken a gamble when he announced the Liberals would run deficits if they form the next government. But it's a gamble that could well pay off, if the results of a new poll are any indication.

A poll conducted by Forum Research last week found that only a minority of voters believe the government should focus on balancing the books during a slow economy.

With the Canadian economy sliding into a recession during first half of 2015, the Conservatives and NDP have both made balancing the budget the cornerstone of their economic plans.

But last month Trudeau struck out on his own and said a Liberal government would run modest deficits until 2019. While dipping into the red, the Liberals would spend an additional $60 billion over 10 years on infrastructure projects, which the party believes would stimulate the economy.

That platform move could be good news for Trudeau.

Just 18 per cent agreed that the government's best strategy during tough economic times is to "impose austerity and cut spending to eliminate deficits." But nearly half — or 45 per cent — agreed that it's better to invest in infrastructure.

And 44 per cent approved of Trudeau's plan to run deficits for three years after the election, while 38 per cent disapproved.

The Forum poll was conducted using an interactive voice response telephone survey of 1,384 Canadians. It was conducted from Aug. 30 to Sept. 1, and is considered accurate plus or minus three percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Natural history illustrator Julius Csotonyi shows off one of his dinosaur illustrations on display as part of the Ultimate Dinosaurs exhibit at Science World in Vancouver, B.C.
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Painting the 'unknown'

ART

Paleontologist brings extinct beasts to life

His portraits are so compelling you can almost hear his subjects tramp through the forest and smell their heaving breath.

Yet Julius Csotonyi has never seen any of the animals he depicts. Dinosaurs, after all, have been gone a long time.

"It's really fun," said Csotonyi, whose dramatic illustrations of extinct beasts enliven the densest of paleontological papers. "It's the unknown and trying to figure out new things. That's always interested me."

> **The more of a story the image tells, the better it is.**
> Julius Csotonyi

Csotonyi's work appears regularly in top scientific journals. The Vancouver-based illustrator has brought life to everything from a bus-sized shark to a primitive snake with legs.

He's worked with Alberta's Royal Tyrrell Museum, the Royal Ontario Museum, the Royal Canadian Mint and the National Geographic Society.

He has won paleontology's top illustration award three times.

Like a lot of kids, Csotonyi grew up drawing dinos.

But he never stopped. Even when he was working on his doctorate in microbiology, he drew dinosaurs on the side for publications such as Prehistoric Times.

Then, in 2005, an English publisher preparing a dinosaur encyclopedia called him up. That's when Csotonyi realized he could make a living at it.

Picturing an animal known only by a few bones, Csotonyi said, is a delicate dance between art and science.

"You come up with an image that's plausible, but interesting as well."

A commissioning scientist will send him photos of fossils and share whatever data might help. Csotonyi comes up with a sketch and a careful back-and-forth ensues to get the dino right and have it doing something believable in the correct context.

Hints come from all sorts of sources. Environment might suggest colour; scraps of fossilized skin or feathers point to texture; a related species — even one still living — might offer clues.

"Sometimes ... animals that are closely related to it have certain features that are conserved in a group. We use those to insert what missing parts of the animal may have been like." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

SPCA seeks ban on all-day dog tethering

The Montreal SPCA is asking the Quebec government to ban keeping dogs chained around the clock as part of an upcoming overhaul of the province's animal-rights legislation.

The animal welfare organization is launching a campaign Tuesday to raise awareness about tethered dogs, which they say are more likely to be injured or neglected, are exposed to the elements, and suffer psychological damage as a result of being constantly tied.

"Dogs are social animals. They need to be in contact with other dogs, with other animals, with people," said Sophie Gaillard, the SPCA's lawyer and animal advocacy campaigns manager.

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Rate of complaints concerning chained dogs as received by the Montreal SPCA's cruelty investigation unit.

"When they're kept isolated and deprived of the ability to play or exercise they develop very severe behavioural frustration, boredom and psychological distress," she continued.

Quebec introduced a bill earlier this year that, if passed, would see the status of animals upgraded from "movable property" to "sentient beings."

The SPCA is hoping to get a ban on round-the-clock dog tethering included in the bill or accompanying regulations, which will be debated this fall.

Gaillard said the bill would not focus on people who walk their dogs on leashes or tie them up for a short time, but rather on dogs who spend every day on a chain. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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More refugees landing with plans to reach EU

SYRIA CRISIS

Hungary speeds up work on fence to block them

Hungarian authorities on Tuesday began busing weary migrants and refugees to a nearby registration centre, defusing some tensions at Hungary's southern border with Serbia. But the human tide hardly ebbed, with a steady stream of people seen trying to approach Hungary, their gateway into the European Union.

Hungary has made frantic and confused efforts to control the huge number of migrants transiting the country as they try to reach Germany, leaving many trapped for days outside the border village of Roszke and furious at their treatment by Hungarian authorities. On Tuesday, Prime Minister Viktor Orban announced fresh efforts to complete a fence to keep the refugees out.

The UN refugee agency, meanwhile, said it is concerned about the lack of proper reception facilities in the border area and that humanitarian aid needs to be stepped up there.

Babar Baloch said Tuesday that "the border police are not trained to deal with the refugees."

"When people come in you need to receive them properly. There are women and children and they are just kept in the open. Temperatures are going down as well so we need to have a system where these people receive proper care," he said.

Earlier in the day, refugees anxious to pass through Hungary who were frustrated at being trapped behind a police line began pushing and police shoved back. One man was hurt in a stampede.

"We've been here for two days and the Hungarian government only brings one bus?" said a Syrian man, who gave only his first name, Ali. "We're asking to go back to Serbia and they are not giving us this right. We're asking to go to Budapest and they are not giving us this right. Why? Why?"

Despite the efforts of volunteers offering water and some clothes, there were few amenities at the border. The area was strewn with garbage and more people could be seen walking along railroad tracks in Serbia on their way to Hungary. Many slept outdoors in a field during a cold night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman arrives on a dinghy after crossing from Turkey to Lesbos island, Greece, Tuesday. The island of 100,000 residents has been transformed by the sudden influx of some 20,000 refugees, mostly from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MILITARY

Russia reacts to Bulgaria flight ban

Russia on Tuesday lashed out at Bulgaria over its refusal to allow Russian cargo planes bound for Syria to fly over its territory, saying the move has cast doubts on the nation's independence.

The angry statement comes amid signs of a Russian military build-up in Syria that has raised U.S. concerns. Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov alleged that Bulgaria and Greece are facing pressure from Washington.

Bulgaria's Foreign Ministry earlier said the country is refusing to allow Russian military transport aircraft to fly through its airspace en route to Syria from Sept. 1-24. It said without elaboration that the reason for the refusal was "incorrect information" about the purpose of the flights and the cargo.

On Monday, Greek Foreign Ministry spokesman Constantinos Koutras said the U.S. has asked Greece to cancel overflight permission for flights headed to Syria. He said Athens is examining the request.

"If they make some restrictive or banning measures at American request, that raises a question about their sovereign right to make decisions about foreign planes crossing its airspace," Bogdanov said, according to the Interfax news agency. "If our Greek and Bulgarian partners have any doubts, they must explain what's the problem." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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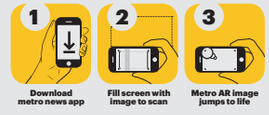

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CHURCH

Pope Francis announces fast-tracked appeal system

Pope Francis radically reformed the process for annulling marriages Tuesday, overhauling 300 years of church practice by creating a new fast-track annulment and doing away with an automatic appeal that often slowed the process down.

The move, which came a week after he said he was letting all rank-and-file priests grant absolution to women who have had abortions, was further evidence of his desire to make the church more responsive to the needs of ordinary faithful.

The new law on annulments goes into effect Dec. 8, the start of Francis's Holy Year of Mercy, a yearlong jubilee during which the pope hopes to emphasize the merciful side of the church. It will speed up and simplify the annulment process by placing the onus squarely on bishops around the world to determine when a fundamental flaw has made a marriage invalid.

A Catholic needs a church annulment to remarry in the church, and a divorced Catholic who remarries civilly without one is considered an adulterer living in sin and is forbidden from receiving Communion.

The Communion issue is at the centre of debate at the upcoming synod of bishops, a three-week meeting that gets underway in October.

Progressive bishops favour a process by which these Catholics could eventually have access to the sacrament if they repent; conservatives say there can be no such wiggle room and that church teaching is clear that a marriage is indissoluble.

Catholics have long complained that it can take years to get an annulment, if they can get one at all.

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CONTEXT

Speedy separations

Previously, most people seeking annulments needed to go before a three-judge panel unless a regional bishop's conference gave a bishop permission to hear the case himself or to appoint one judge to handle it. The new law makes that an immediate option, meaning annulments should be easier to get in dioceses without enough priests.

County clerk Kim Davis with presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, center left. JONATHAN PALMER/THE COURIER-JOURNAL

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

GOP candidates hail Davis as hero

The Kentucky county clerk who was jailed for refusing to issue marriage licenses to gay couples was released Tuesday after five days behind bars, emerging to a tumultuous reception from thousands of cross-waving supporters.

"I just want to give God the glory. His people have rallied, and you are strong," she told the crowd after stepping outside, her arms raised like a victorious boxer, to the blaring Rocky theme song "Eye of the Tiger." She added: "Keep on pressing."

> **If somebody has to go to jail, I'm willing to go in her place.**
> Mike Huckabee

Her lawyer refused to say whether she would defy the courts again.

"Kim cannot and will not violate her conscience," said Mat Staver, founder of the Liberty Counsel, the Christian law firm representing Davis. As for whether she will issue licenses, Staver said only: "You'll find out in the near future."

The Rowan County clerk whose jailing helped make her a hero to the religious right walked free after the federal judge who ordered her locked up lifted the contempt order against her, saying he was satisfied that her deputies were fulfilling their obligation to grant licenses to same-sex couples in her absence.

But U.S. District Judge David Bunning also warned Davis not to interfere again.

As the news spread, a crowd of dozens of supporters who had gathered on the jailhouse lawn for a previously scheduled rally swelled.

They broke into "Amazing Grace" and "God Bless America" and waved signs, flags and large white crosses.

She emerged next to Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee and her husband, who was in blue dungarees and a straw hat. Huckabee and fellow GOP White House candidate Sen. Ted Cruz visited her in jail just after the decision came down.

"If somebody has to go to jail, I'm willing to go in her place. I believe that," said Huckabee, a former Baptist minister and Arkansas governor. ADAM BEAM/ ASSOCIATED PRESS

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POLICE DEATH

Gray family, Baltimore settle at $6.4M

The parents of Freddie Gray reached a tentative $6.4 million settlement with the city of Baltimore, nearly five months after their 25-year-old son was critically injured in police custody, sparking days of protests and rioting.

The deal, announced Tuesday, appeared to be among the largest settlements in police death cases in recent years and happened just days before a judge is set to decide whether to move a trial for six officers charged in Gray's death.

Grey's spine was injured April 12 in the back of a prisoner transport van after he was arrested. Gray, a black man, died at the hospital a week later.

In the aftermath, Gray became a symbol of the contentious relationship between the police and the public in Baltimore, as well as the treatment of black men by police in America.

The settlement still needs the approval of a board that oversees city spending. That board will meet Wednesday morning.

"The proposed settlement agreement going before the Board of Estimates should not be interpreted as a judgment on the guilt or innocence of the officers facing trial," Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake said in a news release.

Rawlings-Blake refused to comment further on Tuesday at an unrelated news conference.

The settlement does not resolve any factual disputes, and expressly does not constitute an admission of liability on the part of the city, its police department or any of the officers.

The settlement has nothing whatsoever to do with the criminal proceedings, the press release said.

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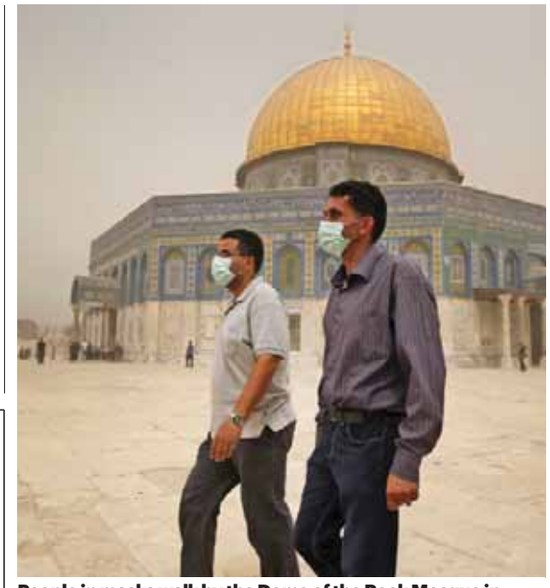

People in masks walk by the Dome of the Rock Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City. AP PHOTO/MAHMOUD ILLEAN

Five dead in sandstorm

NATURAL DISASTERS

Thousands injured across countries in Middle East

An unseasonal sandstorm swept across the Mideast on Tuesday, blanketing Beirut and Damascus, causing the deaths of at least five people and sending hundreds of others to hospitals with breathing difficulties, officials said.

Reduced visibility prompted the Syrian government to call off airstrikes against rebel fighters, local media reported, and threatened planned protests by Lebanese activists over the government's inability to deal with the country's rampant trash crisis.

The storm also hit Jordan, Israel and Egypt. In Jordan, schools shut down or cut their days short.

Syria's state-run news agency SANA said three people in the central Hama province died from the sandstorm, without elaborating, and said there were more than 3,500 cases of people with breathing difficulties across several provinces.

The sandstorm reached Beirut on Tuesday, a day after it engulfed eastern Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. People, especially those with health issues, were advised to stay indoors while many of those who ventured onto the streets donned surgical masks.

The Lebanese Health Ministry said 750 people suffered breathing problems across the country, and that two women died because of the sandstorm, without providing details. Two boats set adrift were rescued by coast guard, the National News Agency said. Airport officials reported some flight delays.

Lebanese authorities warned residents against burning trash that has piled up on Beirut streets this summer, sparking a political crisis and daily protests.

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IN BRIEF

On-air shooting survivor out of hospital

Vicki Gardner, the woman who survived an on-air shooting that killed two TV journalists, has been released from the hospital.

Gardner was answering questions about the community on live TV on Aug. 26 when a gunman walked up and opened fire with a 9mm Glock pistol. Gardner was wounded and WDBJ-TV cameraman Adam Ward and reporter Alison Parker were killed.

The gunman, Vester Flanagan, fatally shot himself five hours later after a police chase.

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An employee works in a textile factory in Huaibei in central China's Anhui province on Aug. 28. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

'Yes, China is slowing'

ECONOMICS

Shift partly due to spending by emerging middle class

China is losing its appetite for dump trucks, iron ore and construction cranes. But the Chinese still want to travel and give their kids a better education.

Growth in the world's second-largest economy is decelerating and rattling financial markets around the world. Behind that slowdown is an evolutionary shift in China's economy — from a dependence on exports and investment in factories and housing — to a reliance on spending by its emerging middle class.

That transition, a gradual and perhaps painful one, will affect which U.S. companies stand to benefit and which will be squeezed as China's growth slides from the double-digit annual rates of the mid-2000s to 7 per cent, 6 per cent, maybe even less.

The shift is likely to pinch American manufacturers that prospered during China's investment boom — makers of heavy construction equipment and industrial machinery, for instance.

But the service sector — a broad category that includes things like restaurant meals, haircuts and hotel stays — remains "reasonably robust" and has been a dominant driver of China's growth since the first half of 2012, said economist Nicholas Lardy, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

"Yes, China is slowing," said Jeremy Haft, an entrepreneur, consultant and author of the forthcoming book Unmade in China: The Hidden Truth about China's Economic Miracle. "But households have huge (savings). People need to keep eating, walking, powering their homes."

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BACKGROUND

Chinese consumers now have more discretionary income to spend on entertainment, education and travel after years of robust economic growth. That additional income has created a bright outlook for companies that serve them.

BRIEF

Switched at hospital three months ago, baby recovered

A British man and a Salvadoran woman have recovered their baby son more than three months after he was mixed up with another infant and mistakenly handed over to another set of new parents.

DNA tests have confirmed the boy was the biological son of missionaries Richard Cushworth and Mercedes Casanellas. Both are residents of the United States.

The doctor who delivered the child faces possible charges but denies any wrongdoing. The other parents also got back their baby.

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NEPAL

Police seek American killed by hammer

Police are searching a river in Nepal where the body of a 27-year-old teacher from Austin, Tex., was thrown after she was hammered to death, an official said Tuesday.

Police official Hari Bahadur Pal said authorities are looking for the body of Dahlia Yehia, who disappeared from the resort town of Pokhara in western Nepal last month.

Police have arrested a local teacher, Narayan Paudel, who was hosting Yehia while she was in Pokhara to help victims of a devastating earthquake in April.

Pal said Paudel confessed to the crime and described how he hammered the victim to death and threw her body into the Seti River. Pal said police found blood-soaked clothes and ropes they believed were used to tie Yehia's body.

Authorities believe the motive for the killing was money, with Paudel saying he took cash from Yehia, according to Pal.

He said authorities plan to seek the maximum sentence of life imprisonment for Paudel, 30, but that they need the body to help build a strong case.

Yehia was an art teacher at Sci-Tech Preparatory School in Austin, Texas, the Kalamazoo Gazette newspaper in Michigan reported. It said she was a Michigan native and graduated in 2011 from Kalamazoo College, where she studied art.

Yehia arrived in Nepal in July and reached Pokhara on Aug. 4, staying with Paudel. She was killed three days later, Pal said.

Paudel was arrested Sept. 2 and confessed the next day, Pal said.

Following the April 25 earthquake, which killed nearly 9,000 people and damaged hundreds of thousands of houses in Nepal, aid groups and individuals rushed to the South Asian country to help the victims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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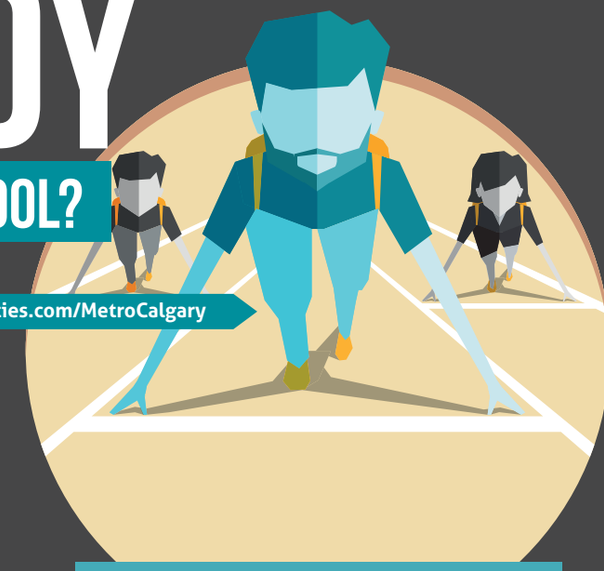

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UN agency fights for wage parity

GENDER INEQUALITY

ILO says 45% of Asian women able to work not in labour force

A UN agency is mounting a worldwide campaign for equal pay for women, who get 24 per cent less than men on global average and around 30 per cent less for those in Asia.

Recent estimates by the International Labour Organization indicates gender inequality in employment across Asia alone is costing $45 billion a year, with 45 per cent of working-age women outside the labour force compared to 19 per cent for men, the leader of the UN Women agency, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, told a forum at the Asian Development Bank headquarters.

She said if female employment were to match male employment, per capita GDP would rise 19 per cent in Southeast Asia and 27 per cent in the Middle East and North Africa.

"We are definitely going to go on a major campaign on equal pay — this is one of the issues we are putting to heads of state, we are also putting that to private sector," she said. "The issue of equal pay is paramount because we have to win some battles in order for women to be in a position to believe that we're making progress."

Assistant Secretary General Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka says 75 per cent of women around the world working outside the home partake in informal sector labour, which means they don't have protected employment, wages or pensions. GETTY IMAGES FILE

UN Women is pushing for the implementation of a standalone goal on gender equality and empowerment for women and girls known as Goal 5 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to be launched at the United Nations at the end of the month.

Seventy-five per cent of women around the world who work outside the home are in the informal sector which means they do not have protected work, minimum wage, and pensions, leaving them poor in their old age, Mlambo-Ngcuka said.

The ADB and UN Women announced Tuesday that they will collaborate on a study to track Asia and the Pacific's progress in meeting its gender equality goals under the SDGs framework until 2030. The study will focus on SDG Goal 5 but will also include all goals and targets to improve women's lives.

SDG Goal 5 aims to end all forms of discrimination, violence and harmful practices against women and girls. It also aims to recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work.

ADB President Takehiko Nakao said while the Asia-Pacific region has made progress on gender equality in some areas, it falls short in other areas.

"We must address challenges in areas such as maternal health and employment by creating decent jobs, and ensuring wage parity so women and men, girls and boys reach their full potential," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Investors not worried about market volatility: CIBC

So who is panicking amid the current volatility on global equity markets? Apparently not most Canadian retail investors, according to a new CIBC survey. CIBC says the survey, conducted Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, found 85 per cent of Canadian investors polled didn't panic during the dramatic ups and downs. The online poll was conducted among 1,504 randomly selected Canadian adults who are Angus Reid panellists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

Appeals board nixes Nexen's water licence

The Environmental Appeal Board has overturned a water licence granted to an oil and gas company in northeastern British Columbia, ruling the licence was based on bad science and bad faith.

The Fort Nelson First Nation has successfully challenged the long term water licence granted in 2012, which allowed Nexen Inc. to pump water from Tsea Lake, in a remote area about 100 kilometres northeast of Fort Nelson.

Millions of cubic metres of water were being used by Nexen for shale gas fracking, but the Environmental Appeal Board says the pumping must stop immediately.

Fort Nelson First Nation Chief Liz Logan says Nexen pumped water from the lake even during drought conditions, seriously affecting the lake, fish and surrounding environment.

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SURVEY

Canadians want better service for their data

A survey of 20,000 people in 11 countries done by Aimia Inc. suggests a minority of them were satisfied with the rewards they get in exchange for sharing personal information with businesses.

The Montreal-based company said 31 per cent of the Canadian respondents rated their personal information as "highly valuable" and 26 per cent said that they expect better service and benefits in return for sharing it.

Only eight per cent of the Canadian respondents felt they get better offers as a result of sharing the information.

Aimia executive David Johnson says companies have an opportunity to build meaningful relationships with their customers but the "golden moment" will quickly disappear if they fail to respond appropriately.

The company has employees in 20 countries including Canada and provides its clients with analytics of consumer data.

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THE QUESTION

I've been away at school for four days. Already my mom and aunt have left me like 10 messages. My plan is pay-as-you-go. Is it rude to have your voice mail tell people not to leave long messages, or not to leave a message at all?

Dear Ellen,

I just left home for the first time to go to school, and part of the deal is I have to pay for my own cellphone with a part-time job, which is fine — I'm happy to be independent but I've only been away four days and already my mom and my aunt have left like 10 voice messages and my cellphone plan is pay-as-you-go but I feel like I'm paying just to hear their messages and return their calls which I think is unfair but is it rude to have your phone message tell people not to leave long messages or not to leave a message at all cuz obviously I can see that they called?

Adele in Ottawa

Dear Adele,

Wow, I don't know where to begin — with your predilection for unpunctuated, run-on sentences or your mother's predilection for helicopter parenting. And what's with the aunt? You don't sound like a person who needs this much supervision. You're attending post-secondary school and paying your own cellphone bills. Kudos! (That's not a misspelled endorsement, though I hear they're not bad). And you are obviously a polite and considerate person, if you are taking the time to inquire about the proper treatment of adults who are persecuting you with their overly controlling concerns though to be fair I suppose we have to credit mom and the aunt for instilling that politeness in you in the first place oh no now you've got me doing the run-on sentence thing it's like a deadly spiral in whose grip I'm mindlessly mixing metaphors and losing all sense of punctuation must hit return key NOW—

The helicopter parent will always tell you to be honest and stand up for yourself, not to be afraid to set boundaries, etc. But they don't believe you should follow this advice toward them.

OK. Adele. There is nothing rude about an outgoing message that asks callers to text rather than leave a voice mail. In fact, by tacitly reminding callers that you can glance at a text message in a nanosecond and respond in another nanosecond without having to dial into your voice mail, wait for all the prompts and listen to someone laboriously state the obvious (i.e., they just called you and they want you to call them back), you'd be doing your contacts the courtesy of telling them how best to reach you. Of course, most people under the age of 40 will already know not to leave a voice-mail message, so clearly you'd be targeting certain female relatives, who I'm assuming are over the age of 40. But they likely won't realize the message is meant specifically for them, so it's OK.

Having said that, I think we both know it won't work. Helicopter parents — and their loyal sidekicks, helicopter aunts — will always tell you to be honest and stand up for yourself, not to be afraid to set boundaries, etc. But they don't actually believe you should follow this advice toward *them*.

The important thing is they raised a good kid in you, and they can't help who they are. Helicoptering is more addictive than meth, and they're going through agonizing withdrawal right now. They can't think straight.

So be kind. Calm them down by calling them unbidden once in a while. Commit to a VoIP call at least once a week.

And try to use more punctuation.

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Now I'm engaged, and I find loneliness has gone nowhere

In May, Briony Smith wrote an article for Chatelaine about the loneliness of the single life.

When I read it, I thought: "I could have written that, or something like that, only a year ago." During a six-year stretch of singledom, I'd done my best to define myself in the world on my own terms, as a lone woman, only to continually face the fact that deeper happiness, on my terms, required love.

Even when I have a husband, a dog and some kids, loneliness will come stand quietly behind me and blow at my neck: Remember me?

But now I'm engaged, and I find loneliness has gone nowhere. It still wafts into the day like a cold draft, startling me.

The man I'm going to marry lives in the U.S., and the comfort of his love doesn't mute the echo of a day spent alone. It doesn't sweep away the extra space that I feel all around me, in a busy park on a hot day, eating watermelon on a blanket, by myself.

I started to wonder if I'd always felt alone — and yes, I have. As a child, as a teenager, off-kilter among friends, as if we were looking in the same direction and seeing different things.

Loneliness sat beside me before the fireplace in my family home and hung around the studio apartment I moved into, like faint dust in the air. It seemed present in every stone cranny of expansive London and grew bolder in Colombia, a three-month blip of learning, alienation and regret. It blossomed back in small Victoria when I had no job or prospect of one. It tagged along to Toronto and has come and gone like sun behind clouds.

I am beginning to believe I should be getting used to it. That even when I have a husband, a dog and some kids, loneliness will come stand quietly behind me and blow at my neck: Remember me?

In recent years, both the Guardian and Globe and Mail have warned of a loneliness crisis. A New York-based writer is publishing a book on the emotion next year. But if loneliness is pervasive, that is not new. If this is the Lonesome Valley, it's been that way, probably, forever.

And isn't that the ultimate relief? As a woman said to me last week: you're never the only one. Even if you are walking by yourself.

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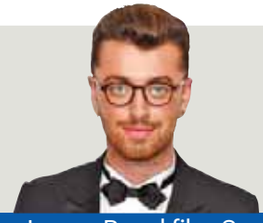

Sam Smith surfaces as singer of theme song for new James Bond film Spectre

5 DAYS OF SANDWICHES

Back to school? More like back to packed lunches! Have no fear, Ricardo magazine has done all the work so you don't have to. Here's a week's worth of inspiration for that perennial midday meal. Find a month's worth of sandwiches and detailed recipes at ricardocuisine.com/lunches. **PHOTOS AND TEXT COURTESY RICARDO MAGAZINE**

Chicken, grape and nut

A wink at Waldorf salad, this lunchtime delight takes a chicken salad mix — diced cooked chicken, finely chopped green onions, Greek yogurt, mayo, salt and pepper — and adds some quartered red seedless grapes, chopped toasted pecans and whole-grain mustard. Stuffed into a ciabatta roll, it's simply magnificent.

Crunchy vegetable and veggie pâté

This is the perfect choice when you're craving that fresh-veggie crunch. Thinly slice some English cucumber, radishes and celery. Combine and season. Spread mayo on two slices of country bread. On the bottom piece, layer slices of our Veggie Pâté (see ricardocuisine.com for the recipe). Pile on the vegetables, then close with the top slice.

Cold pork roast

Mix mayo, whole-grain mustard and chopped chives together. Spread on toasted slices of country bread, and layer lettuce and thin slices of cold roast pork (find our mouth-watering recipe at ricardocuisine.com).

Chicken and wild rice salad

This recipe is all about texture. Cook some wild rice in salted water for about 50 minutes or until tender. Add chopped dried cranberries and cook for another 5 minutes. Drain and rinse under cold water. Combine with cooked diced chicken, sour cream, mayo and chopped chives, then stuff into pita bread with some lettuce leaves.

Nordic shrimp

Combine cooked Nordic shrimp, cubed green apple, sliced green onion, chopped fresh tarragon, mayo, salt and pepper in a bowl. Cut a fresh, buttery croissant in half and place a lettuce leaf inside. Pile on the delicious shrimp salad and close the croissant.

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Putting the fun in fungi

MUSHROOMS

'Tis the season for these tasty treats full of vitamin D

Theresa Albert
For Metro Canada

Foraging for mushrooms is the most dangerous outdoor activity of the season. But I am intrepid and my grandpa was eccentric and showed me how to pick and cook puffballs.

Fair warning: this is a tale of courage to not replicate. You should only forage with an experienced guide.

Puffballs grow on the lawns of wide-open spaces. The edible ones are bigger than four inches long and are much heavier than they look. They are smooth skinned and pale brown on the outside but solid, firm marshmallow white through the interior.

Species with gills or tough elephant-like skins are poisonous.

The ones I found were just like the ones grandpa showed me. So I did it! I picked and prepared and let my eyes roll back in my head — with the ecstasy of taste, not the disaster of poison.

All mushrooms:

- Contain high amounts of trace minerals
- Contain vitamins D and B
- Contain the beta glucan starch similar to that in oats in that helps manage cholesterol
- Are very porous with high water content and will absorb any flavour you throw at them
- Need to be cooked in a heavy pan on very high heat with ample butter and minimal mushrooms. If they are crowded, they steam to grey mush.

This time of year, farmers' markets are full of wild and cultivated species so you won't have to risk your life on the wisdom of gramps.

Theresa is a food and health expert and nutritionist who loves to spread the word on food

Puffballs are prolific this time of year, but make sure you consult with an expert before foraging. THERESA ALBERT

LIQUID ASSETS

It's OK to drink white wine after Labour Day

Peter Rockwell
For Metro Canada

With summer drawing to a close, many of you are probably packing away your white pants and, unfortunately, slowing down your white wine intake.

I'm not sure who came up with the old wives' tale that white wine consumption is exclusively a warm weather thing.

Though some reds can come across bland at best and flabby at worst when sipped in the heat, the refreshing flavours of whites are a joy no matter what the weather outside. White blends (those made from a multitude of grape varieties) have been on trend of late thanks to their layers of complexity that keep on giving to the last drop.

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TEX-MEX

Asian-fusion that packs a crunch

Can you handle just one more Asian-fusion taco?

You're rolling your eyes. But what if it's one that's easy enough and delicious enough to truly be worth making at home?

Truth is, most of the popular Tex-Mex-Asian blends have been produced in food trucks and brick-and-mortar joints that are far flung from most North Americans (because though Los Angeles and New York City hate to admit it, the vast majority of North America doesn't live in either city).

The result is that most folks only get to read about the deliciousness that is Asian flavours packaged in a Tex-Mex-friendly delivery system.

So the goal was to break down those flavours into something easily reproduced at home.

And the end result: beefy seaweed taco with jalapeno-jicama slaw.

Let's start with the beefy. For a bold steaky flavour, go with flank.

But you may want as much Asian savoury goodness as possible, so rather than cook it whole, thinly slice it across the grain, then give it a bath in a blend of fish sauce, soy sauce and toasted sesame oil. It takes just a couple minutes in the pan to give the sear you want.

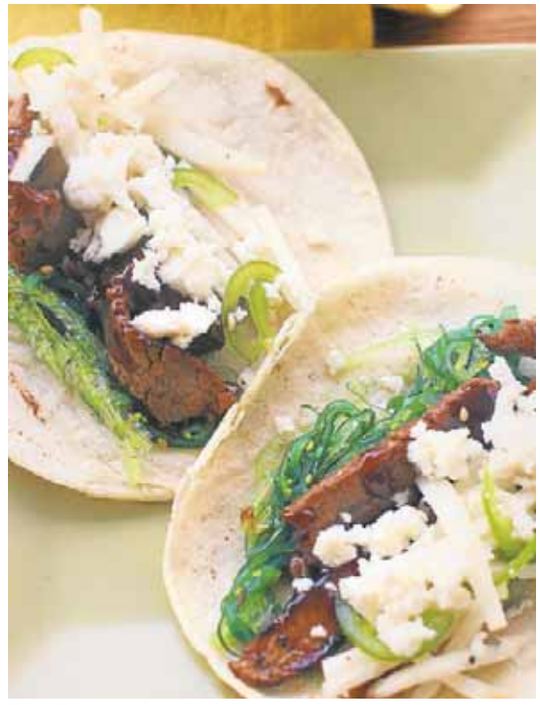
The steak gets piled on top of that ubiquitous green of lower rung sushi joints — seaweed salad.

You know you love it, even if it is dyed fluorescent green.

You'll find it at most Asian markets (and many natural foods grocers sell non-coloured versions).

On top of that goes a quick slaw made from crunchy jicama tossed with citrus juice and jalapenos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

You may want as much Asian savory goodness as possible.



Taco Tuesdays just got a little more awesome. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE TRY THIS AT HOME

Beef Seaweed Tacos With Jalapeno-Jicama Slaw

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp fish sauce
- 3 Tbsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp sesame oil
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 1 lb flank steak
- 1 cup jicama, cut into matchsticks
- 1 jalapeno, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp orange juice
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- Eight 6-inch corn tortillas
- 1/2 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 cup seaweed salad
- 1/2 cup crumbled queso fresco or blanco cheese

Directions

Heat the oven to 200 F.

In a large bowl, whisk together the fish sauce, soy sauce, 1 tablespoon of the sesame oil and the sugar. Slice the steak across the grain into very thin strips, then add to the fish sauce mixture. Toss to coat evenly, then set aside for 10 minutes.

In a medium bowl, toss together the jicama and jalapenos, then add the orange and lime juices. Toss again to coat. Taste, then season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Stack the tortillas and wrap them in foil. Set the packet in the oven to warm.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of sesame oil. Use tongs to remove the meat from the marinade, letting as much liquid as possible drip off back into the bowl and reserving the marinade. Transfer the steak strips to paper towels and lightly pat dry. Add the dried steak strips to the skillet and cook only until just barely seared, about 1 minute.

Whisk the cornstarch into the reserved marinade, then add the mixture to the skillet and cook for another minute.

Remove the warmed tortillas from the oven. Spread a spoonful of the seaweed salad, then top with strips of steak. Top with jicama-jalapeno slaw, then finish with sprinkle of the cheese.

Serve immediately.

FITNESS TREND

Mind over matter challenge

Emily Laurence
Metro | New York

Colour runs are so last year. The latest organized fitness trend is mindful triathlons, which combine running, yoga and mediation. The biggest of them is Wanderlust, which hosted events across Canada this summer.

We called up Wanderlust co-founder and event organizer Sean Hoess to get the details.

A mindful triathlon is more about the mental side of things than the physical challenge. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

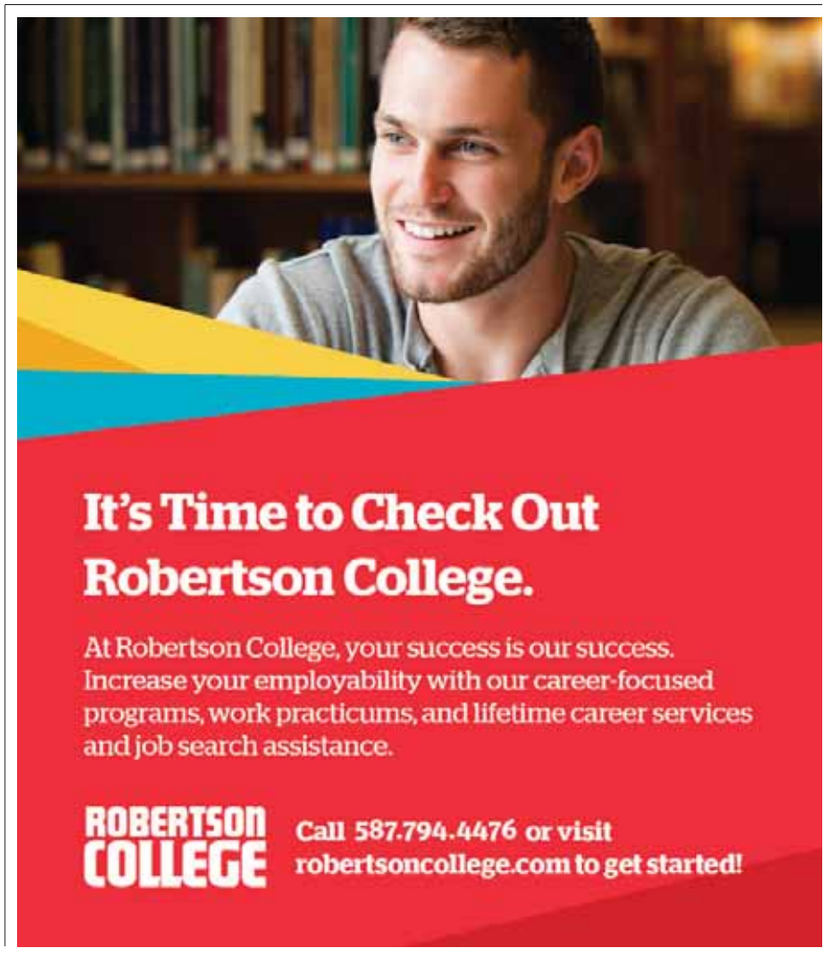
What exactly is a mindful triathlon?
Most triathlons are about how strong and fit you are. We wanted to create one that was much more about the mental side of things.

How can someone be a mindful runner? Can you listen to music and run while still being mindful?
Yeah, you can. There are a lot of benefits to just synchronizing your breath and calming your mind. You can get into a trance-like state with running. The same goes for dance.

Is there a health benefit to pairing running with yoga?
Definitely. Yoga is an incredible form of exercise. It strengthens muscles and increases flexibility. Running has much more cardiovascular benefits. They are sort of like the other sides of each other.

What can participants expect from the mediation portion of the festival?
First, there's a fun, humorous lecture led by our meditation teacher about the history of meditation, the benefits of it. Then there is 15 minutes of actual meditation.

How fit do people have to be to participate in Wanderlust?
The event is really designed to be achievable even by someone who has never run, practiced yoga or meditated before. The 5K is not a race — it's just about finishing, even if you end up walking. But I won't say it's easy; the combination of all three can be more challenging than people imagine.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More ways to get in the new Mini

REVIEW

BMW adds 5-door model but not much more room

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

The re-invention of the Mini by BMW has been an overwhelming success. People just love its quirkiness, distinctiveness and Britishness. And all that in a vehicle that just plain works. Fun to drive. Practical for its size. Fuel-efficient. Et cetera.

This third generation of BMW's tiny terror leverages even more BMW technology than the first two gens (it will share its platform and drivetrain with the upcoming BMW 1 Series), and the result is a more competent and refined Mini, with some added room inside.

Our test vehicle was the new 5-door Mini, which, debuted with the new-generation platform, gives you even a bit more room. But the rear doors are tiny, and the rear seating area still feels a bit Hobbit-like, so this Mini has not exactly morphed into a daily people hauler. But its ability to carry more stuff, and to get stuff in with more ease, is duly noted and appreciated.

The Mini has always been more about rewarding the driver anyway, and the theme continues with this 2015 model, with its lighter, stronger and stiffer chassis, and new suspension tricks, like the standard and adjustable drive modes, and the optional adjustable dampers. Even without this new tech, the Mini would still be great to drive — its lowness to the ground, and its low centre of gravity, always contribute to a fast and fun feel at the wheel. Almost 200 hp and a slick-shifting 6-speed manual doesn't hurt either.

A big round speedometer famously dominated the original Mini's instrument panel and "roundness" is still the interior theme of this modern Mini. Everything looks and feels less gimmicky inside compared to the previous Mini, but it still manages to be distinctly different and distinctly Mini. A version of the BMW's iDrive controller resides in the centre console to navigate the infotainment and comfort settings. Our tester had the new eight-inch touch screen, which is bundled with the package that gives you navigation, and allows you to enter characters directly on the screen.

This is a lovable car, but there is no getting around the fact that Mini is expensive for a smallish car. I guess another way of looking at it would be that Mini allows you to go small without giving up brand cache, personality, performance, and all the amenities of a premium vehicle.

Lots of great alternatives in this price and performance class, if moving up in size is not an issue and/or if a "real" backseat is more of a priority. The VW GTI would be one for sure to look at if you're leaning that way. Otherwise, there is not much not to like about this new Mini.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 MINI COOPER S 5 DOOR

THE BASICS

Type. Compact, 5-door, FWD hatchback
Power. 189-hp, turbocharged, 2.0-litre I4
Transmissions. 6-speed manual, 6-speed automatic
Price. Base $26,740 (plus destination)

NOTABLE FEATURES

- Folding rear seat expands cargo capacity to 941 litres
- Collision warning and active safety system with (initial) automatic braking
- Available apps for syncing Apple and Android smartphones
- Optional Dynamic Damper Control with "comfort" and "dynamic" settings

COURTESY BMW

POINTS

- 3-door and 5-door the first Mini variants built off the third-generation platform introduced for 2015
- Reduced weight and increased body rigidity to further Mini's legacy of go-cart-like agility
- 5-door's wheelbase expanded by 72 mm and body lengthened by 161 mm, compared to 3-door

MARKET POSITION

- Premium small car prioritized for driving fun
- S model features 4-cylinder 2.0-litre; base Mini powered by 3-cylinder 1.5-litre
- New 5-door model offers more space and access, but doesn't mess with iconic Mini silhouette

THE COMPETITION

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There's a lot riding on your tires

DRIVING FORCE

Manufacturers look at seal, structure, tread when designing

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

At first glance, tires look pretty simple: They're just round and black. But they're actually very complex, consisting of numerous layers and specially-formulated rubber compounds.

"The purpose of the tire is to provide the braking, accelerating and cornering capabilities to make the vehicle go where the driver wants," says Ron Margadonna, senior technical marketing manager for Michelin North America. "It's the only component of the vehicle that touches the ground."

Tire manufacturers have to look at three basic elements when designing a tire. The first is the seal so that it holds air, which includes an inner liner made of composite rubber. The only thing holding the tire onto the rim is air pressure, so it's imperative that the tire seals properly.

Next is the structure, including the sidewall, which gives the tire its strength. Finally there's the tread, which has to grip the pavement.

The compound used to make the tread is composed of such materials as natural and synthetic rubber, oil, silica and carbon black, which gives it its colour. Rubber chemists create different formulas, depending on how the tire will be used. Summer tires need a firmer compound that won't get too soft in hot weather, while winter tires need to stay supple in cold temperatures. All-season tires use a compound that's approximately halfway between the two.

The tread's design is a vital part of the tire, and engineers have to ensure that it's the right pattern for the job. "The grooves are for foul weather such as rain or snow, everything but dry," Margadonna says. "The grooves channel the water away. If it was always dry, you wouldn't need them."

The pattern creates blocks of tread, which determine how the tire will perform. Winter tires will typically have numerous small blocks, which create more sharp edges to bite through snow, while high-performance tires will have large, strong blocks to stay rigid during hard cornering.

The edge of the tread is called the shoulder, while the small slits running through the tread are called sipes. These spread open as the tire touches the road, providing even more gripping surface.

The tread eventually wears down with use, and so tire manufacturers mould in small rubber bars, called wear bars, which run across the width of the tire's tread. They're deeply buried on a new tire, but they become easier to spot as the tire wears down. If the tread has worn enough that you can quickly spot the wear bars, then it's time to replace the tire.

TIRE CARE

- Keeping your tires properly inflated can help save gas. A vehicle uses about 20 per cent of its fuel energy just to overcome the rolling resistance of its tires.
- The recommended air pressure is on a label inside the driver's door, while the number on the tire is the maximum it can hold.
- Run-flat tires can support the vehicle's weight even when they're flat, and cars that have them don't have spare tires.

Tires may look simple, but they're actually very complex. Blocks of tread determine how the tire will perform. COURTESY MICHELIN

TECHNOLOGY

Toyota getting in gear with smart cars

Toyota on Friday announced plans to invest $50 million into building artificial intelligence into cars, an indication it could be joining the race to develop driverless vehicles.

The joint research with Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology will take place over the next five years, Toyota Motor Corporation said, emphasizing its interest in technology that could be used by people as they grow old or become less able to drive safely.

"We will initially focus on the acceleration of intelligent vehicle technology, with the immediate goal of helping eliminate traffic casualties and the ultimate goal of helping improve quality of life through enhanced mobility and robotics," Toyota's research and development chief Kiyotaka Ise said in a statement.

Lab efforts will be directed by former U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency program manager Gill Pratt, who headed a recent contest for robots that could be used to help emergency workers in disaster situations. AFP

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Cabbies look to minivan in Uber battle

TRANSPORT

New York taxis get makeover in face of stiff competition

As New York taxi drivers face surging competition from smartphone cab services, the traditional taxi force in the city that never sleeps is preparing to push back against the likes of Uber.

Spearheading that effort are a spacious minivan — being phased in as the city's taxi firms renew their fleets — and a long-awaited phone app.

A far cry from the checkered cab immortalized as part of New York's hectic image, the Nissan NV200 boasts cushy seats, adjustable air-conditioning in the back, phone and laptop plugs and a panoramic glass roof.

Mr. Chan, a 58-year-old city driver who declined to give his first name, described the minivan as more comfortable than the well-known Crown Victoria, although he has had little customer feedback so far.

New York authorities picked the Nissan to replace the city's aging taxi fleet, as part of a deliberate strategy to fight back against online ride-booking services.

The Nissan NV200 Mobility Taxi is unveiled in New York. STAN HONDA/AFP

The extra space the cars provide is hoped to give taxis an advantage over Uber's less standardized vehicles.

About 800 of the minivans already ply the streets of New York, according to Nissan, which touts them as a safer alternative to traditional cabs.

With a replacement rate of about 2,600 vehicles a year, according to Nissan, the bulk of New York's entire fleet of some 13,000 taxis is set to adopt the yellow minivan taxis over the next five years.

An app to match

A big part of Uber's lure is that it allows people to summon rides and pay using smartphone applications, with no need for cash on hand or tips. So the second other prong of the yellow taxis' push-back against Uber is an app of their own.

Called Arro, the New York taxi app launched Wednesday also allows users to call a cab using their smartphones' geolocation with the push of a button. Like Uber's app it provides information on where nearby taxis are, and how long it will take them to arrive.

The app has been launched in some 7,000 taxis already and its backers are pushing for it to spread quickly. AFP

TWICE AS MANY

The city of New York capitulated in July in a long-running feud with Uber, agreeing to shelve plans to cap the number of vehicles operated by the online ride-booking service.

Uber said at the time it had 26,000 Uber driver-partners in New York, far surpassing the city's 13,587 iconic yellow taxis.

Business has slowed down a bit... I used to go to the airport three or four times a week. Now it's more like once every two weeks.

Mr. Chan, one of many taxi drivers worried for the stability of their industry

AROUND THE WORLD

China takes lead in electric-vehicle production

China officially calls them "new energy vehicles," and their production in that country has surpassed that of both Japan and the United States, according to Green Car Reports.

Plug-in electric cars are urgently needed in China where big-city days are filled with so much smog that the sun is but a faint orange dot in the sky. News site Gasgoo, citing figures from the Ministry of Industry published in the Beijing Daily, reports that 25,000 electric, or "new energy," vehicles were built in June alone, almost a third of the 78,000 built there in the first six months of the year.

Not all those vehicles would meet automobile standards here, being classified instead as low-speed or neighbourhood electric vehicles, nor do they serve to remove any of the vehicles currently causing pollution.

From zero to 100 in 1.779 seconds in Germany

German students at the University of Stuttgart have turned heads in the race to reach 100 km/h from zero, in an all-wheel-drive electric car of their making: 1.779 seconds.

That's quicker than a Formula One racecar, which takes just over two seconds, and a full second quicker than a Nissan GT-R, which is one of the quickest gasoline-powered cars on the market to 100 km/h. WHEELBASE MEDIA

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The Blue Jays' Josh Donaldson dives safely into third base against Pablo Sandoval of the Red Sox prepares on Tuesday night in Boston. JIM ROGASH/GETTY IMAGES

Jays surge past Red Sox

MLB

Toronto strikes for four runs in the 10th inning

TUESDAY In Boston

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BLUE JAYS	RED SOX

Troy Tulowitzki singled in the go-ahead run off Alexi Ogando to trigger a four-run 10th inning that lifted the American League East-leading Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday night.

With the win, Toronto increased its lead in the East to 1-1/2 games over the New York Yankees, who lost 2-1 to Baltimore. The Blue Jays won for the 13th time in 17 games.

Travis Shaw homered for Boston, which had its four-game winning streak stopped.

Josh Donaldson led off the 10th with a triple against Ogando (2-1), a towering fly ball that appeared to hit the top corner of the Green Monster and bounced back.

After a review upheld the call of the ball not crossing the red line at the top for a homer, the crew reviewed and confirmed Donaldson was safe at third.

Tulowitzki singled past third baseman Pablo Sandoval. Chris Colabello followed with an RBI single, Ogando balked in the next run and Kevin Pillar had a sacrifice fly.

Aaron Sanchez (7-5) worked one inning for the win.

Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia returned after missing seven weeks with a strained right hamstring. He went 1-for-4 with a double.

Toronto starter R.A. Dickey gave up one run and four hits in six innings. He was 0-3 with a 5.76 ERA in four starts against Boston this season.

Boston's Henry Owens struggled with his control, but held the Blue Jays to one run and three hits in 5-1/3 innings. He walked four, hit two batters and had a balk.

The Blue Jays moved ahead without a hit in the first inning. Ben Revere was hit on the right hand with the game's second pitch, advance on a wild pitch and a double steal before scoring on Edwin Encarnacion's ground out. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEASON DEBUT

Stro Show resumes in Bronx
Toronto right-hander Marcus Stroman will make his first start of the season Saturday at Yankee Stadium.

Stroman, who tore the ACL in his left knee in March, will take the place of veteran Mark Buehrle in Toronto's rotation. Sportsnet reported that Buehrle returned to Toronto for a cortisone shot in his left shoulder.

IN BRIEF

Crush Davis powers O's to win over Yankees
Chris Davis led off the ninth inning with his major league-leading 41st home run and the Baltimore Orioles beat the New York Yankees 2-1 Tuesday night for just their fourth win in 19 games.

The Yankees began the day a half-game behind AL East-leading Toronto. They failed to take advantage of Masahiro Tanaka's 10-strikeout performance and Alex Rodriguez's 30th homer — A-Rod has reached the mark in 15 seasons, tying Hank Aaron's record.
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Harvey will pitch if spot in playoffs at stake: Manager
The New York Mets haven't abandoned the notion of using right-hander Matt Harvey during a late-season push for the playoffs.

Harvey finished Tuesday night's game against the Nationals having pitched 171-2/3 innings this season. The 26-year-old is coming off elbow ligament replacement surgery, and there is some question how he will be used toward the end of the season with a 180-inning cap ordered by Dr. James Andrews, who performed the Tommy John operation.

But manager Terry Collins said Tuesday: "If the last series of the season means us getting in or out and Matt Harvey needs to pitch, he's pitching. That'll be his playoff."
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Serena Williams, left, beat sister Venus Williams 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 on Tuesday night in New York. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. OPEN

Serena ousts Venus in the quarter-finals

If Serena Williams would feel sympathy for any opponent standing in the way of her pursuit of tennis' first true Grand Slam in 27 years, it might very well be her sister Venus.

Still, there was no way was Serena going to let anyone, or anything, stop her on this night, even if she found herself in a mid-match lull while facing her older sibling in the U.S. Open quarter-finals.

Moving two matches from history, top-seeded Serena got all she could handle from 23rd-seeded Venus before moving onto the semifinals at Flushing Meadows with a 6-2, 1-6, 6-3 victory Tuesday in the 27th instalment of the unique Williams vs. Williams rivalry. When it ended, they met at the net for a hug, with a smiling Venus wrapping both arms around Serena.

"She's the toughest player I've ever played in my life and the best person I know," Serena said in an on-court interview. "It's going against your best friend and at the same time going against the greatest competitor, for me, in women's tennis."

Serena is 16-11 in their matches, taking seven of their last eight meetings. She leads 9-5 in majors and 3-2 at the U.S. Open. Of greater significance is this: Serena can still become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to collect all four Grand Slam titles in a calendar year.

And if she can win what would be her fourth U.S. Open in a row, and seventh overall, she would equal Graf with 22 major championships, the most in the professional era and second-most ever behind Margaret Court's 24.

The sisters combined for 57 winners (Serena had more, 35) and only 37 unforced errors (Venus had fewer, 15).
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MEN'S DRAW

Defending champion Marin Cilic stretched his U.S. Open winning streak to 12 matches and returned to the semifinals by holding on to beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4.

RECIPE Tilapia with olives, cherry tomatoes and basil

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Tilapia has a delicate flavour and is budget-friendly. I always like to have a stronger flavoured sauce or topping to match this mild fish. If cherry tomatoes are unavailable, use seeded and chopped plum tomatoes. Serves 4.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 large egg
- 2 Tbsp milk or water
- 1 1/2 lb tilapia fillets (4)
- 2/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs, store-bought
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups halved cherry tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp diced black olives
- 2 Tbsp diced green olives
- 2 Tbsp chopped basil
- 2 Tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tsp crushed garlic

Directions
1. Combine the egg and milk and place in a shallow dish. Dip each fillet in the egg and milk mixture then in the bread crumbs. In a nonstick skillet sprayed with vegetable spray, heat the oil and cook the tilapia for five minutes, turning halfway or just until the fish flakes.
2. Combine the tomatoes, olives, basil, parsley, olive oil, soy sauce and garlic and serve overtop the tilapia.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 327
- Protein 38 g
- Carbohydrates 17 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 1.6 g
- Cholesterol 206 mg
- Sodium 574 mg

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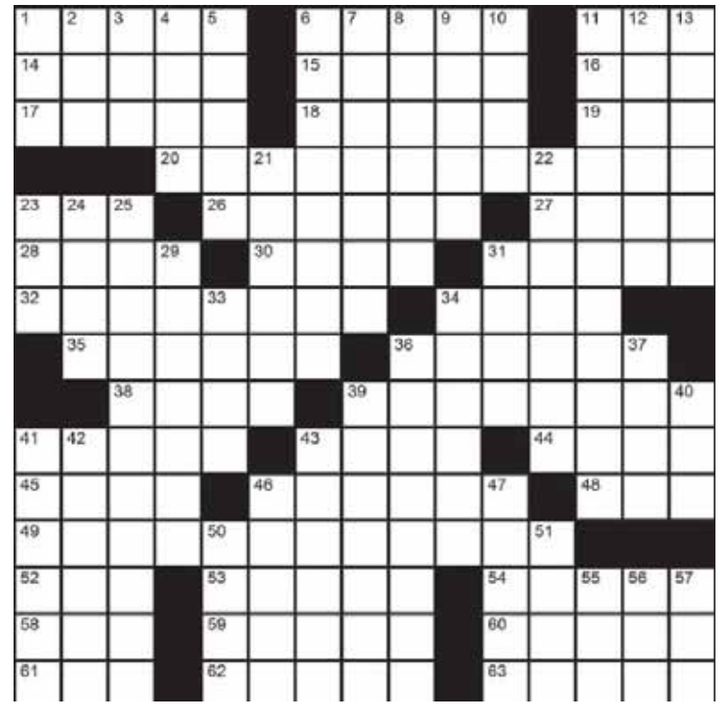

ACROSS
1. September 9th to September 13th, 2015: Manito __ (Festival celebrating Indigenous culture held annually in Winnipeg — its name means 'where the Creator sits' in Ojibway)
6. Mountaineer's spike
11. Gladiator's 102
14. Particular pie
15. Sprang up
16. Everybody
17. Hair lock
18. Sevens: French
19. Theologian's subj.
20. North America, to Aboriginal peoples: 2 wds.
23. Sleeve
26. "Aha!"
27. Hardly __ (Rarely)
28. Whipped flour/butter sauce
30. "The Simpsons" sister
31. Easy-__ (Simple)
32. Prayer beads
34. Axed
35. Mr. Cowell's of the music industry
36. Quagmire
38. Government group in Washington, D.C.
39. Those born with innate talent
41. Boyfriends
43. Rope
44. Plummet
45. Someone sleepy's sound
46. International __ __ (featuring performers in regalia, it's part of this weekend's events, as per #1-Across)
48. Nodful word
49. 1970s style of family vehicle: 2 wds.
52. Aristocratic title
53. Infested, like stored-for-the-summer sweaters
54. Mr. Philbin
58. 100, for short
59. Isle in the Firth of Clyde
60. Talk in a monotone
61. For instances, for short
62. Express
63. Sing, Alps-style

DOWN
1. Liable
2. Feminine pronoun
3. Pre-A.D. time
4. __ meets West
5. Result
6. Bakery offerings
7. Without choler
8. Capital of Kansas
9. Ancient seaport of Rome
10. Headland
11. Inn
12. Ms. Graff's of "Mr. Belvedere"
13. Volunteer's dishwashing time utterance: 2 wds.
21. Reigning
22. __ Islands (Antigua is one)
23. Airport sched. word
24. Li'l hoppers in Australia
25. Indigenous __ __ (As per #1-Across, event this Friday honouring songwriters, singers, and more)
29. _-__ (unspecified quantity)
31. Lima's land
33. Actor Mr. Perlman's
34. Hamburger alternative: 2 wds.
36. Alberta community near the Saskatchewan border
37. Plum-like fruit
39. "What happens next?": 2 wds.
40. Health resort
41. Percy Shelley connector (English poet)
42. Suppertime process
43. Iran-__ Affair (1980s political scandal)
46. Israel's __ (Engagement of April 25th, 1900 that Canadians took part in during The South African War of 1899 to 1902)
47. Long-winded
50. "__ __ surprised as you are!"
51. Emperor of Rome
55. Poseidon, for one
56. Suffix with 'Hero'
57. Montreal seasoning

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
There is no point trying to force others to see things your way because that will make them even more determined to take an opposing viewpoint. All you can do is present them with the facts.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Why are you feeling so guilty about all the fun you've been having? Most likely it is because of those tales of woe you keep hearing from people who have not had it so good. Yes, life is unfair. Too bad.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Social occasions and travel plans are especially well starred, so don't sit there doing nothing, get out and enjoy yourself.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Just because someone has a different outlook to you does not mean you cannot work together or even be friends. Say what you have to say, then open your ears to what they have to tell you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There is no right way or wrong way to do what needs to be done, there is only the way that works, so if you are happy with the way things are going then carry on.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will find yourself in a minority of one today and those who oppose you will be in positions of power. Do you back down? No you do not. Be intellectually aggressive.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Something you said a long time ago will return to either help or hinder you today. If nothing else it will remind you that causes have consequences. Remember that the next time you open your mouth.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are rather restless at the moment, especially on the mental level. But that's good. The more you allow your mind to wander the more ideas and insights you will come up with.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will have to spell things out in the simplest of terms for other people today. It would be nice if everyone were as quick on the uptake as you but they are not.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Cosmic activity in the career area of your chart makes this an important time for negotiations. Try to strike a balance between cooperation and forcefulness — you'll get things done and get more money in the bank.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may be tempted to speak harshly about someone today, but the planets suggest you will hurt them more if you ignore them. Living well is the best revenge.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Defend your beliefs with every weapon at your disposal. When others challenge your opinion, hit back twice as hard. Give them no quarter. Show them no mercy.

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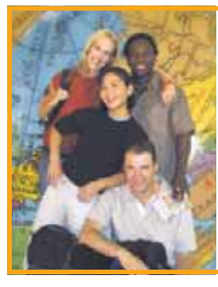
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